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Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
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**Re: Oral Ex Parte Presentation  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR Section 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. On Wednesday, March 12, 2003, David LaFuria met with Commissioner Michael Copps and Jordan Goldstein on behalf of Smith Bagley, Inc. ("SBI"). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the merits of SBI's Petition for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier status on the Navajo Reservation in the State of Utah. In addition, the parties discussed the FCC's proposal to extend tier 4 Lifeline support to those living on "near reservation" lands.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, two copies of this letter are enclosed for inclusion in the Commission's docket file.

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